Allocation for agricultural development in Gujarat

817. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVJANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations made for the development of agriculture in Gujarat during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether the State Government has sent a proposal for additional funds for the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the funds provided to the State so far for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Planning Commission finalises the sectoral allocations for the Annual Plans of the States in consultation with them for different sectors of development. For the year 1992-93 and 1993-94, an amount of Rs. 126.26 crores and Rs. 126.26 crores respectively had been agreed to for Agriculture and Allied Activities Sector.

(b) to (d) Planning Commission have not received any request from the Government of Gujarat for additional funds for the current year.

Launching of wage earning programme

818. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new guaranteed wage earning programme has been launched during 1993-94 and in the current year upto October, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such type of programme has been launched in Gujarat States also;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when such a programme is likely to be launched in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Government of India launched a new scheme namely the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) on 2-10-1993 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which provides for about 100 days of assured casual manual labour employment during the lean agricultural season at the statutory minimum wage to all persons above 18 years and below 60 years of age in the rural areas who need and seek it. The EAS is being implemented in 1778 identified backward blocks in the country. These blocks are situated mainly in the Drought Prone Areas, Desert Areas, Tribal Areas and Hill Areas in which the Revamded Public Distribution System (RPDS) is currently in operation.

(c) and (d) The Employment Assurance scheme is being implemented in 97 RPDS blocks in Gujarat. In Gujarat during 1993-94, 6.75 lakh mandays of employment was generated under EAS at a total expenditure of Rs. 146.21 lakhs. In 1994-95, (April to September, 1994) 4.76 lakhs mandays of employment has been generated at an expenditure of 131.72 lakhs.

(e) Does not arise.